

Brookhaven Town Announces Second Annual Cedar Beach Summer Sunset Lecture Series

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MOUNT SINAI, NY -Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner will sponsor the second annual Summer Sunset Lecture Series at the Cedar Beach Nature Center on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7 pm. Each lecture will last approximately one and a half hours. The events are free, but due to limited seating, reservations are required. Please call the nature Center at 451-9197 to make reservations.

On Thursday, July 16, Chris Clapp of the Nature Conservancy and Veronica King of the Town of Brookhaven will discuss "Shellfish Management Projects in the Town of Brookhaven." Residents will have the opportunity to learn about the Town's role in managing shellfish resources, and find out what marine conservation and shellfish restoration projects are being conducted by the Town and the Nature Conservancy.

John Turner, Director of the Towns Environmental Protection Division, will speak about "Wading Birds" on Thursday, July 23. Learn about the biology and ecology of wading birds, such as herons and egrets, as well as conservation strategies to help protect these beautiful species from Mr. Turner, who is also a writer, naturalist and avid birder.

On Thursday, July 30 the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation will offer a lecture on "Sea Turtles of Long Island." Did you know that Long Island waters are habitat for sea turtles? Learn about the four species of sea turtles that frequent our surrounding waters each summer. A biologist from the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, which operates the New York State Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Standing Program, will identify the sea turtles found around Long Island, and discuss their rescue and rehabilitation.

"The Summer Sunset Series at Cedar Beach are a wonderful opportunity for residents and their families to learn about the history, geology, biology and ecology of Cedar Beach and Mount Sinai Harbor," said Supervisor Lesko. "We invite you to participate in these interesting and informative lectures, offered weekly, which will be presented by a variety of experts in their field."

"With talented speakers, beautiful sunsets and an outdoor classroom overlooking the beach and water, summer school was never this good! This series of summer lectures is a perfect way for our residents to learn about the Mt. Sinai Harbor area, its many changes over the course of our history, and gain a better appreciation of this natural resource and eco-system the next time they come to enjoy the beach with their family," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "Whether you come down for one presentation or the entire series, this is an opportunity for residents and their families to learn about their own community, and a place they may have simply thought of as a beach, a fishing pier or a place to keep their boat."

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